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METHOD FOR TREATING AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES

USING THE SAME

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 22, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please enter and consider the remarks below in connection with the above-identified patent application. Submitted concurrently herewith are (1) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) transmittal; and (2) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet.

The filing of this Amendment and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination is timely. An Office Action was mailed on March 22, 2007 and on September 20, 2007, a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for an Extension of Time for Response for three months from June 22, 2007 to September 22, 2007 was filed. A Brief on Appeal is therefore due on November 20, 2007, which is after the filing date of this Amendment and accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

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